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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: OXCART Test Flights - 9 March

Aircraft #121 (J-58 engines) made flight #55, 9 March, for a duration of forty-seven minutes, with a Lockheed test pilot at the controls. This was the first flight of this aircraft with two J-58 engines. Previously this aircraft flew thirty-six flights with two J-75 engines and eighteen with one J-75 and one J-58 engine. The purpose of this flight was a functional test of the aircraft which had undergone an extensive maintenance inspection and updating. This aircraft performed the first OXCART flight in April, 1962.

All systems and equipment of Aircraft #121 checked-out well during the test flight and only minor squawks were written-up following the flight. The landing and drag-chute operation were normal. The pilot did not test newly installed anti-skid brakes due to noticeable brake chatter prior to take-off. The flight was conducted slow and at low altitudes, 15,000 feet and below, because of inclement local area weather.

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